

Remarks**I. Status**

The claims have been amended to recite detecting activation of a first input device of a head unit connected to a content server and adapted to communicate with a disc changer. The claims further recite that the first input device is assigned to a first default function of the disc changer, and that the content server is adapted to emulate the disc changer. As claimed, a mapping file overrides the first default function to output an indication of a first mode, which results in playback of tracks according to a playlist for the first mode and a track identification attribute.

II. Section 101 Rejections

Claims 52-57 and 80-84 recite computer readable media, consistent with the suggestion in the first Office Action. Assignee respectfully requests withdrawal of the Section 101 rejections.

III. Section 102 and 103 Rejections

The Office Action rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 based on U.S. Patent No. 6,118,450 (“Proehl”) and official notice. Assignee respectfully submits that Proehl does not teach or suggest the features recited in the amended independent claims and dependent claims either alone, or in combination with the official notice.

For example, each of the independent claims recites detecting activation of an input device on a head unit that ordinarily controls a disc changer. In the claims, the content server is adapted to emulate the disc changer, and a mapping file overrides a default function (e.g., select a CD for playback) assigned to the input device and instead outputs an indication of a first mode. Proehl, alone or in combination with the official notice, does not teach or suggest these features.

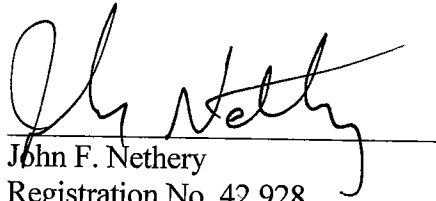
Instead, Proehl describes a graphic user interface coupled to a multi-disc compact disc player. (Proehl et al., Fig. 1, col. 4, ll. 12-18.) The interface displays information related to a compact disc or other media. (Proehl et al., col. 4, ll. 19-22). A user can create a playlist, where songs are selected to create a user-defined playlist that may appear as a “virtual” compact disc. (Proehl et al., col. 8, ll. 44-67). However, Proehl, alone or in combination with the official notice, does not describe a mapping file that overrides default head unit functions to output mode indications (or track identification attributes), nor a content server adapted to emulate a disc

changer, as claimed in the independent and dependent claims. Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims.

IV. Summary

Assignee respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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